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Senate Bill 341

(Senator Eckardt, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environment and Transportation

Hunting - Required Outerwear - Daylight Fluorescent Pink

This bill authorizes hunters (and those who accompany, aid, or assist them) to wear specified daylight fluorescent pink clothing in lieu of the current requirement to wear specified daylight fluorescent orange clothing while hunting. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is authorized to define “daylight fluorescent pink” in regulations. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: DNR can implement the bill with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: The bill does not affect local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, hunters (and those who accompany, aid, or assist them) must wear (1) a cap of a solid daylight fluorescent orange color or (2) a vest, jacket, or outer garment that contains specified amounts of the daylight fluorescent orange color. These requirements do not apply to (1) deer hunters using a bow and arrow during bow season; (2) hunters using falcons, hawks, or owls during open season; and (3) hunters (and those who accompany, aid, or assist them) hunting specified species.

Background: According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as of July 2017, daylight fluorescent pink was authorized in six states: Colorado, Louisiana, Minnesota, New York, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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